sufficient in themselves to justify action being taken with regard to that market alone and that this question will have to be considered with reference to other markets also similarly situated. The information with regard to these markets has not yet been received. In the changed circumstances, no orders have been passed on this matter.

Your representation contains several statements and requests. Some of them have to be characterised as unreasonably extreme. With regard to the Administrative Board, Medical Services, for instance, you said that Government should not consult them or if they give an opinion, their opinion should not be given weight to. It is a counsel which the Government will find it very difficult to accept in that form. Those who have got grievances very often press those grievances to an unreasonable extent. Government have to proceed in these matters by constitutional means. When there are expert departments, Government cannot always act against the wishes of the departments. This being a technical matter, the persons who are best qualified to give an opinion are the members of the Administrative Board. If the people were suffering from very serious difficulties, it is not at all likely that the Board would have ignored them. It was only recently that a medical officer was appointed in that dispensary and his work is being watched. I shall ask the Board to give me the results of the watch which they have been keeping and upon that Government will pass orders.

You have also made certain other prayers which will receive the consideration of Government.

86. Needs of the Vilavankod taluk.

MR. T. K. SUBRAMONIA AIYAR (*Municipal Council, Kuzhithura*) who made his representation in Tamil, spoke about the following needs of Vilavankod :—

1. The buildings of the Vernacular Middle Schools at Kuzhithurá and Munchira should be improved. For the Kuzhithura school, there was only one strong building and two or three thatched sheds. One of the sheds, being unsafe, was sold in auction and the classes were held in the verandah. The shed should be reconstructed before the next academic year and the other sheds should be made strong before the close of the current year. The Chief Engineer had prepared an estimate for Rs. 2,600 for the works, but the Director of Public Instruction was not earnest about it. The accommodation in the Munchira school was very poor. That school building also should be improved.

2. An Agricultural School and an Experimental Farm should be opened for the benefit of the *pakuthies* of Kaliyal, Arumana and Edakod. There were large tracts of land owned by private individuals lying waste in these places. The soil was quite fertile, but the tracts were malarial. A fair portion of these lands was owned by members of the depressed classes, who got them registered under concessional terms. The Agricultural School and Farm would prove of immense value to the place.

3. The Revenue and Judicial jurisdictions over the Vilavankod taluk should be made co-extensive. Considerable difficulty was at present experienced by the clients who had to go to the Taluk Cutcherry for revenue matters and to another distant place to seek relief through Civil Courts, regarding the same property. This also was responsible to some extent for the delay in disposals.

4. The Munsiff's Court at Kuzhithura should be located on an elevated place. The present court building was located on the bank of the river and was about to be affected by the floods in Kartikai 1098, Adi 1099 and Thulam 1101. The insanitary condition of the building and the consequent inconvenience to the parties and vakils also deserved consideration. The Court should be shifted to the Cutcherry compound, which is on a high level. A small additional building put up at the site would be sufficient. This would not cost the Government much.

5. A Bench Magistrate's Court should be established at Kuzhithura. It would be very convenient to the clients if the present Village Panchayat Court was made a Bench Magistrate's Court also.

6. The motor traffic at the Kuzhithura junction was very heavy. There was always at the junction two or three large buses, one or two lorries and one or two small buses. The motor checking was done by two constables, who had no place to rest, except a shop verandah. A separate checking post should be provided for the checking officers at a convenient place.

7. There was general dissatisfaction among the motor owners and drivers regarding the motor checking by the low-paid constables. The pay and status of checking constables should be increased or Police officers of higher rank than that of a constable should be deputed for this work.

8. Police Stations or at least Police Out-posts should be established at Tholayavattai and on the sea coast between Colachel and Thengapattanam, where cases of breaches of peace were quite common.

9. A Government Hospital should be opened at Kuzhithura. The existence of a Mission Hospital at Marthandam did not deprive the people of Vilavankod of their right to get free medical aid. Further, the Mission Hospital was not serving any useful purpose to the public, as could be seen from the large number of patients of the locality resorting to the Padmanabhapuram and Arumana hospitals.

10. The Mission Hospital authorities at Marthandam should be required to appoint immediately a lady doctor in the hospital. This was necessary in the interests of decency and public morals. It was not difficult to get women doctors.

11. An Ayurvedic dispensary should be opened at Kuzhithura. This branch of the medicial science had its own special features and effects. Further Vilavankod taluk was a disease infected locality and hence all possible medical relief should be afforded to the people of the taluk.

12. A dispensary should be opened at Putukada at an early date.

13. The following works should be attended to early :—

(*a*) Improvement of the lane between Parthivapuram and Mangattu *kadavu*.

(*b*) Conversion into cart road of (i) the Andukode-Panachamoodu trace, (ii) the Arumana-Panachamoodu trace, (iii) the Kuzhithura-Kuzhivila trace, (iv) the Madichal-Padanalammud trace, and (v) the Putukkada-Kollencode trace.

14. The Chittar scheme, which, if completed, would be of immense use to the ryots of Vilavankod and Neyyattinkara, should be taken up at an early date,

15. The local P. W. D. authorities should be empowered to afford immediate relief to the ryots in cases of breaches of irrigation tanks, sluices, etc.

16. The improvements to the irrigation tanks should be done with better discretion and greater promptitude.

17. The *kudipathi* system should be improved by the Government undertaking the sole financial responsibility in the restoration of irrigation tanks and by abolishing the present system of burdening the ryots with a portion of the expenditure on the same.

18. *Ashtami* day in Kartikai and *Bharani* day in Meenam should be declared as local holidays for the Vilavankod taluk.

19. The Vilavankod taluk should be made a separate constituency for purposes of election to the Legislative Council. The present constituency consisting of the taluks of Kalkulam, Vilavankod and old Eraniel had 15,000 voters and was quite unwieldy.

DEWAN'S REPLY: பள்ளிக்கூடத்திற்காக ஸ்தலம் எடுத்து இஞ்சினியரிங் டிபார்ட்மெண்டு கட்டடம்வைக்கப் போகும்போது, இந்த ஸ்தலஉடமஸ்தர் இஞ்சங்க்ஷன் கொடுத்ததினால் கட்டடம் நிறுத்தப்பட்டிருக்கிறது.

முன்ஸிப்கோர்ட்டை மாற்றித்தரவேணும் என்ற விஷயம் ஹைக் கோர்ட்டுக்கு ரிப்போர்ட்டுக்கு அனுப்பப்பட்டிருக்கிறது. அவர்கள் விசாரணைபண்ணிவருகிறார்கள். தாமஸியாமல் ஏற்பாடு செய்வார்கள்.

மோட்டார் செக்கிங்கைப்பற்றி நீங்கள் சங்கடம் சொன்னீர்கள் அதை போலீஸ் கம்மிஷனர் விசாரணை நடத்த அனுப்புகிறோம்.

பாக்கி சங்கதிகளை ஆலோசிக்கலாம்.

[When the Engineering Department was about to construct the school building after acquiring the requisite site, the owner of the land put in an injunction petition and the work is held over.

The question of shifting the Munsiff's Court has been referred to the High Court for report. They are enquiring into the question, and at an early date they will do the needful.

You complained about motor checking. Your complaint will be forwarded to the Police Commissioner for enquiry.

The remaining representations will be considered.]

87. Needs of Colachel.

MR. SIVATHANU PILLAI CHOCKALINGOM PILLAI (*Municipal Council, Colachel*) who made his representation in Malayalam, spoke about the following needs of Colachel :-

1. One of the Munsiffs' Courts at Padmanabhapuram should be transferred to Colachel. The necessity for the establishment of a Munsiff's Court at Colachel was urged at many of the previous sessions of the Assembly. Many of the cases filed in the Padmanabhapuram Munsiff's Court were from the *pakuthies* of Manavalakurichi, Kadiyapattanam, Colachel, Midalam and Kizhmidalam. Most of these *pakuthies* were eight and nine miles away from the Court. Hence, a Munsiff's Court should be established at Colachel, a central place in respect of all the *pakuthies* mentioned above.

2. A Magistrate's Court should be established at Colachel. The Colachel town, which was a thickly populated place, a commercial centre and had a port, had a Magistrate's Court formerly, but it was subsequently abolished. The fact that there was a Magistrate's Court at Eraniel did not mitigate the hardships of the people of Colachel in this respect.

3. A pier should be constructed at the Colachel port, to afford better facilities for the export and import of goods. The Colachel town stood in the fore-front in the matter of commerce and industries. Colachel port had more shipping facilitites than any other port in Travancore, as ships could safely anchor at about a distance of 450 feet from the shore. The importance and the business of the port was increasing year by year. The necessity for an important harbour in the State would be keenly felt when the Cochin Harbour works were completed, especially as the Alleppey port would lose much of its importance. As a result of repeated representations in the Assembly about the matter, in 1913 the Government sanctioned the construction of a pier at Colachel. In reply to a representation made at the 18th session, it was stated that the estimate for the work had been prepared and the same would be sanctioned soon. In 1103, the preliminary works connected with the pier were begun. But the work was subsequently stopped. The member, who represented about the subject at the last session, was told that the matter would be considered. Better attention should be bestowed on the matter and a pier should be constructed at the port at a very early date.

4. A road should be opened through the northern boundary of Colachel town to Tengapattanam. At the last session, the member who represented about the need for the road was told that the matter would be referred to the Road Board. The Road Board had not done anything in the matter yet. Hence the Government should take the necessary steps for the opening of the road. Further, most of the roads in